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1. JAPANESE AWAIT SECRETARY KISSINGER

A. RELATIONS WITH THE ARABS

EMBASSY TOKYO REPORTS THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE TO TAKE ACTION TO ALLEVIATE THE IMPENDING OIL SUPPLY CRISIS. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS BEEN USING THE OCCASION OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S UPCOMING VISIT TO HOLD THE LINE AGAINST SUCH DRASTIC PRO-ARAB MOVES AS BREAKING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. IF THE SECRETARY CAN ASSURE THE JAPANESE THAT PROGRESS IS TAKING PLACE TOWARD A SETTLEMENT WHICH PROMISES FULL RESUMPTION OF OIL EXPORTS IN A REASONABLE TIME, THEY MAY BE ABLE TO LIMIT THEIR ACTION TO A MODEST STEP SUCH AS SENDING A POLITICAL EMISSARY TO THE ARABS WITH OFFERS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION. (SECRET) TOKYO 14664, 11/9.

B. RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEANS

ACCORDING TO A JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL, THE SECRET

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FRENCH AND BRITISH HAVE FOR THE FIRST TIME INDICATED

THEY ARE CONSIDERING A FORMAL ARRANGEMENT WITH JAPAN

IN THE FORM OF AN EC/JAPAN DECLARATION. ALTHOUGH THE JAPANESE WOULD STILL PREFER A GENERAL DECLARATION INVOLVING ALL MAJOR INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES, THEIR POSITION REMAINS FLEXIBLE PENDING DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING HIS TOKYO VISIT.
(CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 14667, 11/9.

2. WHITLAM PLEASED WITH HIS VISITS TO CHINA AND JAPAN

AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM, SPEAKING TO THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB IN CANBERRA, SAID THAT THE GOA HAD GONE A LONG WAY TOWARDS ACHIEVING MEANINGFUL COMMUNICATION WITH JAPAN AND CHINA. WHITLAM DESCRIBED A POSSIBLE "HONEST BROKER" ROLE FOR AUSTRALIA IN US-CHINESE-JAPANESE RELATIONS, BUT DENIED ANY AUSTRALIAN INTENTION TO BECOME AN "ADVOCATE" FOR THE PRC IN THE REGION.

USLO PEKING REPORTS THAT THE AUSTRALIANS ARE VERY PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE WHITLAM VISIT, FEELING THAT THE AGREEMENT ON RECIPROCAL MINISTERIAL VISITS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT OUTCOME OF THE VISIT. CHOU EN-LAI TOLD WHITLAM THAT HE INTENDED TO RAISE THE SUBJECT OF CHILE WITH THE SECRETARY DURING THE SECRETARY'S UPCOMING VISIT.
(SECRET) CANBERRA 6080 AND PEKING 1356, 11/8.

3. THE STATE OF INDO-US RELATIONS

AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN REPORTS FROM NEW DELHI THAT IN THE PAST MONTH THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF CORDIAL TALKS BETWEEN AMERICANS AND INDIANS. HE BELIEVES THAT WITHIN THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT THERE IS A STRONG BODY OF OPINION THAT WANTS BETTER GENERAL RELATIONS WITH THE US, AND CITES AS EVIDENCE OF THIS THE NOTABLE LACK OF HOSTILE COMMENT ON THE PRESENCE OF THE 7TH FLEET TASK GROUP IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. ONE CAUSE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS, THE AMBASSADOR BELIEVES, IS THE LOWERING OF OUR PRESENCE AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE SUB-CONTINENT'S AFFAIRS. (SECRET) NEW DELHI 12905, 11/7.
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